



# Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

## Program Descriptions

Unless otherwise stated, programs begin at the visitor center.

\*Programs marked with an asterisk require reservations. Call 419-898-0014 to save your spot!

### OTTAWA WILDLIFE DRIVE

Enjoy the refuge from the comfort of your car! The 7 mile ONE WAY gravel route begins from the overflow parking area. Open sunrise to sunset. (Entrance gate closes one hour prior to sunset)

### \*BLUE GOOSE BUS TOUR\*

Join a ranger for behind the scenes access to closed areas of the refuge complex. Destinations vary depending on wildlife use and activity.

### \*EAGLE TOUR\*

Enjoy our national icon during this back roads bus tour of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge.

### HIKE THE DIKES

"Hike the Dikes" is a cooperative program with Magee Marsh Wildlife Area and Black Swamp Bird Observatory. Attend three and earn a hiking stick!

### NURTURE NATURE DAYS

Give back and help improve the refuge while restoring habitat and assisting on other projects. Dress for the weather.

### MONTHLY BIRD SURVEYS

Join refuge volunteers and become a citizen scientist the first Sunday of each month at 8:00 am. Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather.  
*Meet at the trailhead parking area.*

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### \*NATURE TOTS\*

Children ages 3-5 are invited to bring their favorite adult for nature crafts, stories, and outdoor fun!

### \*SWAMPERS\*

Children ages 6-12 are invited to hike with refuge staff and have a swampin' good time!

### \*MARSH MONDAYS\*

Join us for outdoor adventure and fun! Children ages 13-18 meet from 9:30 am to 3 pm.  
July 13— August 10

### \*WILD WEDNESDAYS\*

Join us for outdoor adventure and fun! Children ages 8-12 meet from 9:30 am to 3 pm.  
July 15—August 12

### \*MARSH MADNESS DAY CAMPS\*

Explore Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex for five days of outdoor fun!

June 22-26, 9:30 am to 3 pm, ages 8-12

July 6 –10, 9:30 am to 3 pm, ages 13-18



## Members Only Event:

**Sunday, July 26**

1-4pm— Darby Marsh & Blausey Unit Bus Tour\*

Membership information is available at the visitor center information desk.



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## Calendar of Events

June—August, 2015

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### Saturday, June 6

9am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*  
10:30-11:30am— Nature Tots\*  
12:30pm- 3:30pm— Eagle Tour\*  
1:00-2:30pm— Swampers\*

### Sunday, June 7

8:00am— Monthly Bird Survey

### Wednesday, June 10

9am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*  
12:30pm- 3:30pm— Eagle Tour\*

### Saturday, June 13

9am— Hike the Dikes  
1pm-3pm — Nurture Nature

### Saturday, June 20

Ottawa Wildlife Drive  
9am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*  
12:30pm- 3:30pm— Eagle Tour\*

### Sunday, June 21

Ottawa Wildlife Drive

### Saturday, June 27

9:30-11:30am— Nurture Nature

### Saturday, July 4

9am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*  
10:30-11:30am— Nature Tots\*  
12:30pm- 3:30pm— Eagle Tour\*  
1:00-2:30pm— Swampers\*

### Sunday, July 5

8:00am— Monthly Bird Survey

### Saturday, July 11

9am— Hike the Dikes  
1pm-3pm — Nurture Nature

### Sunday, July 12

9am-12pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour\*  
1-4pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour\*

### Monday, July 13

9:30am-3pm— Marsh Mondays\*

### Wednesday, July 15

9:30am-3pm— Wild Wednesdays\*

### Saturday, July 18

Ottawa Wildlife Drive  
9am-12pm— Eagle Tour\*  
12:30pm- 3:30pm— Eagle Tour\*

### Sunday, July 19

Ottawa Wildlife Drive

### Monday, July 20

9:30am-3pm— Marsh Mondays\*

### Wednesday, July 22

9:30am-3pm— Wild Wednesdays\*

### Saturday, July 25

9:30-11:30am— Nurture Nature

### Sunday, July 26

9am-12pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour\*  
1-4pm— Members Only Bus Tour\*

### Monday, July 27

9:30am-3pm— Marsh Mondays\*

### Wednesday, July 29

9:30am-3pm— Wild Wednesdays\*

### Saturday, August 1

10:30-11:30am— Nature Tots\*  
1-2:30pm— Swampers\*

### Sunday, August 2

8:00am— Monthly Bird Survey

### Monday, August 3

9:30am-3pm— Marsh Mondays\*

### Wednesday, August 5

9:30am-3pm— Wild Wednesdays\*

### Saturday, August 8

9am— Hike the Dikes

### Sunday, August 9

9am-12pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour\*  
1-4pm— Blue Goose Bus Tour\*

### Monday, August 10

9:30am-3pm— Marsh Mondays\*

### Wednesday, August 12

9:30am-3pm— Wild Wednesdays\*

### Saturday, August 15

Ottawa Wildlife Drive

### Sunday, August 16

Ottawa Wildlife Drive

### Saturday, August 22

9:30-11:30am— Nurture Nature